## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129; 42 CFR 455.104, 42 CFR 455.105, 42 CFR 455.106 and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

In accordance with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, DMS is implementing a new rule regarding: provider disclosure of ownership and control, including the relationship with any subcontractor in which the disclosing entity has direct or indirect ownership of 5% or more, time frames of business transactions with subcontractors and wholly owned suppliers, and the disclosure of information regarding personnel who have been convicted of criminal offenses related to any programs under Medicaid, Medicare or Title XX service programs. This rule is being added to Section One of all provider manuals.

The proposed Arkansas Medicaid State Plan Amendment to providers is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (<a href="www.medicaid.state.ar.us">www.medicaid.state.ar.us</a>), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than October 21, 2003.

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